(b) and (c) The date from which the 'Freedom of Information Act, 2002' shall come into force has not yet been appointed.

Implementation of recommendations of the ERC

2478. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of Economic Reforms Commission's recommendations during the last one year, especially in the field of downsizing the number of employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the success achieved in downsizing the number of employees, Ministry/Department-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government failed to implement the recommendations made by Geetha Krishnan Committee; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC), under the Chairmanship of Shri K.P. Geethakrishanan, had submitted in all ten reports, covering 36 Ministries/Departments and four specific issues, namely, Food Subsidy, Fertilizer Subsidy, Autonomous Institutions and Optimizing Staff Strength. The recommendations contained in these reports were forwarded to the concerned Ministries/Departments and these are at various stages of implementation. The ERC identified about 42,000 posts for abolition in various Ministries/Departments. On further scrutiny, about 24,000 posts have been identified for abolition by various Ministries/Departments. The ERC's recommendations are reviewed regularly. Based on the recommendations of ERC, around 16,924 posts have been abolished so far in various Ministries/Departments. Ministry-wise/Department-wise position is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Ministry/Department	No. of Posts abolished
1.	Information and Broadcasting	1424
2.	Economic Affairs	1903
3.	Public Enterprises	15
4.	Supply	1451
5.	Steel	6
6.	Petroleum and Natural Gas	17
7.	Chemicals and Petrochemicals	624
8.	Fertilizers	19
9.	Mines	2918
10.	Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	299
11.	Agriculture and Cooperation	304
12.	Shipping	8
13.	Women and Child Development	177
14.	Environment and Forests	779
15.	Culture	13
16.	Commerce	91
17.	Urban Development	6714
18.	Tourism	28
19.	Industrial Policy and Promotion	134
	TOTAL	16924

Increase in pension bill

2479. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in Government's pension bill during 1990-91 to 2001-2002;

(b) whether by 2010 the number of pensioners will exceed the number of employees;

(c) if so, the corrective action contemplated by Government in view of increased Pension Bill;